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Chief, EE

INFO: Chief of Mission, Vienna

SUBJECT

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Operational/GRBOUNCE

GRCROOND/GRHAMED-Louise S. HOLLEMON and Wallace K. SORONY

1. Attached is a contact report submitted by [redacted] covering his meeting with Louise S. Hollemon in New York on 2 December 1953. The primary reason for the contact was to discourage HOLLEMON from making a contemplated trip to Moscow in connection with the Identity. In conjunction with the meeting for that purpose administrative matters also were handled.

2. An ODUNIT General Officer, unaware of HOLLEMON's KUBARK affiliation but aware of her contemplated trip to Moscow, made representation to KUBARK that she could carry out some sort of assignment. Our opposition not only to her use but to the trip itself was presented to the General and he dropped the matter. The contact was then made with HOLLEMON and she agreed not to make the trip.

3. Paragraph 5 of [redacted] report enunciates a real problem with which we are confronted continuously: the handling of mature experienced individuals by the youthful (novice) Case Officer. We have not arrived at a corrective solution to this problem. An entirely satisfactory solution will never be reached, of course, until we have the mature experienced personnel available for all such needs. It is regretted that HOLLEMON either did not or was not in a position to express to you her remarks contained in paragraph 5. However, since she did not, we are glad that she made the statements now to cause us to take a new look at this time.

4. There is no intended reflection as to [redacted] ability or personality, but we are inclined to agree that it may well be difficult for a young Case Officer to gain the confidence of individuals as mature and sophisticated as HOLLEMON and SORONY. For this very reason we were somewhat worried when [redacted] replaced [redacted] In reviewing the case file to see whether any such comments had been made

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previously, it was noted that SORONY apparently has not been contacted by a Senior Case Officer since the first Field meeting in the summer of 1952. Since that time, excepting [] who was more mature and forceful, it appears SORONY's only Field contacts were with []. SORONY was last met in the United States by [].

5. In view of the above it is suggested that consideration be given this problem to mitigate any lack of Case Officer-Agent rapport which might well cause us to lose SORONY. A possible help in solution of this is assignment, at least part-time, of a Senior Case Officer to GRCROOND/GRBLAMED to accompany [] occasionally when the latter meets SORONY. This would tend to let SORONY know that his work was being reviewed carefully and appreciated by the Case Officer's superiors. We recognize that this may well be a weakening of [] relation with SORONY. If handled properly, however, it could result in an improvement of [] relation with SORONY, by demonstration of his direct access to the senior personnel. Your review of the problem may dictate, however, that a full time senior Case Officer is warranted. If you concur, we will have [] who recruited SORONY, contact him while he is yet in the United States to "buck up" SORONY's morale, should it be needed.

6. We have considered SORONY the more prominent problem, although the same situation is applicable to HOLLEMON. As it relates to her it is not considered so critical if you still intend to terminate her at sometime in the near future. It is suggested, however, if termination is forthcoming, that final contacts in the Field be by a senior Case Officer. If retention is your decision then contacts similar to those suggested for SORONY may be best.

7. Your comments and decisions are requested re paragraph 3 thru 5, supra.

8. Headquarters is making payment to HOLLEMON for the amounts indicated in paras 2 and 3 of [] report. There is still due HOLLEMON, however, mileage allowance for her use of privately owned vehicle from Zurich to St. Anton on her second trip this year. This will have to be settled in the Field upon her return.

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